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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Monday March 12th. to Wednesday March 14th. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

Q.

E do not find that either the People of God under the Law, nor the Church in the Apostles Time did use any Form of Service in Burial of their Dead. Is not therefore the Order that is followed by the Church of England *in this Respect without any good Example or Precedent?*

A. In the first Place it can never be proved that all things which either the one or the other used at their Burials are set down in H. Scripture, which only mentions these Things as often and as far as the Occasions require. But what if it cou'd be proved that no such Order was observed by them, is it not absurd to imagin that the Church is so wholly deprived of Wisdom, that whatever Rites or Orders later Ages have devised, must needs be inconvenient? Such Objections therefore as these can proceed from none but those who, under the Colour of removing Superstitious Abuses, wou'd destroy the most effectual Means that humane Wisdom can contrive both to testifie and strengthen true Religion. Under the Pretence of their immoderate Zeal for Scripture, and Hatred of what they call *Will-Worship* they become averse to that Decency which natural Religion wou'd dictate to them. For the End of performing those Funeral Exequies which the Church prescribes, being, partly to shew that Love to the Person deceased which Nature requires, partly to do him that Honour which is fit both generally for Man, and particularly for the Quality of his Person, and lastly but more especially to testify the Care, which the Church hath to comfort the living, and the Hope which we all have concerning the Resurrection of the Dead; these Things we say being considered, wou'd not any rational unprejudiced Man allow, that it is much more agreeable both to Decency, and to the peculiar Hope which all Christians entertain concerning the Dead, to have the Exequies performed with a solemn recital of such Lessons, Psalms and Prayers, as are purposely framed for the stirring up of Mens Minds to a carefull Consideration of their State both here and hereafter, than only with a dumb shew, to bring the Corps to the Place of Burial, and without farther Ceremony cover it with Earth.

Q. Gentlemen, *In the 2d. of* Timothy *the 4th. and 14th. are these Words,* Alexander the Copper-Smith did me much Evil: The Lord reward him according to his Works. *Be pleased to reconcile this, to that seeming quite different Command of our Saviour in* Mathew *the 5th and 44th.* But I say unto you Love your Enemies, Bless them that Curse you, do good to them that hate you, and Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

A. No doubt the reading of this Place which is followed in most Editions and by our *English* Translation is false. The Word in the Greek should be ἀποδώσει, *shall reward*, by Way of Prediction, and not according to the Vulgar reading ἀποδῶν, *reward*, by way of Imprecation. The former reading being admitted, there is nothing here that contradicts our Saviour's Command; and yet this reading is found in the Queens *M S.* and also confirmed by *Chrysostom, Theodoret, Oecumenius* and *Theophylact* upon the Place.

Q. Gentlemen, *I desire you wou'd demonstrate to me the Reason of this Rule which is very usefull and*

neceſſary in Chronology, viz. *Having the Circles of the Sun and Moon and the Indiction given, you muſt multiply the Cycle of the Sun into* 4845, *the Cycle of the Moon into* 4200, *the Indiction into* 9616; *Divide the Summ of theſe Products by* 7980. *and the Remainder will give the Year of the Julian Period which has the given Cycles.*

A. The Demonſtration of this Rule being very prolix, and unintelligible to the generality of our Readers, we muſt deſire to be excuſed from inſerting it, and only inform the Queriſt for his own private Satisfaction, that he may meet with it at the End of the learned Dr. *Beverege's* excellent Chronology.

Maſter Apollo,

Q. *Had I but the Eloquence of your* Godſhip *I ſhould undoubtedly gain one of the greateſt Beauties in Chriſtendom, nay, had I but a Talkative Tongue, altho I ſpoke not one Word of Senſe in* 500 *it wou'd be no matter for that; But this is the Devil on it, my Tongue creeps but very ſlow, naturally; when I have drank a little of the Creature (as my Uncle* John *the Quaker calls it) it goes ſomething faſter; but this won't do. Therefore I muſt implore your* God-ſhip's *Directions if poſſible to make it go a full ſpeed or elſe I looſe my Lady, for who ever has her they muſt expect, that if ever their Tongue declines one Minute from talking in her Preſence (no Peace for ever afterwards) tho' I think of her ſelf, ſhe has Tongue enough for a Dozen Men, but ſays ſhe will not ſpare me a Bit of it, which makes me implore your Aſſiſtance*

To *yours*, almoſt ſpeechleſs.

Then I'll adore your ſhrines and Homage Pay,
And with the wiſer World your Laws Obey.

A. The moſt unaccountable Lady this, that ever was heard of, when ſo very few of them love to hear any Body ſpeak beſides themſelves; we wiſh ſhe has no pernicious deſign, in ſeeking Allies for joining Artillery to Tongue-kill ſome Perſon, ſhe has a prejudice to. In Compaſſion to Mankind, we cannot grant your Requeſt, being rather inclined to aid ſuch as ſhall Petition againſt the clamorous Redundancy of her Tongue, but ſhou'd we improve another in confederacy with hers, the whole Neighbourhood wou'd live in perpetual alarms, and under the Conſtant Apprehenſion of Civil Wars. We believe we ſhou'd be ſo far from obliging the World by unfettering your Tongne, that they wou'd rather thank us, to render her ſpeechleſs too.

We ask not Noiſe, in thoſe adore our Shrine,
Devoutly ſilent ſhews 'em more Divine.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire to know your Opinion of the Angle of Contact in the Circle, whether you take it to be any Angle at all; and by what means you can demonſtrate the Angle of the Semicircle to be a right one.*

A. The Angle of the Semicircle is determined to be a right one, by *Euclid* himſelf, *El.* 3. *Prop.* 31. And ſince an Angle is the Inclination of two Lines touching one another, it is plain the Angle of Contact falls under this Definition, and notwithſtanding all the tedious Diſputes concerning the Nature of it, none that we know of ever doubted whether it is properly an Angle. But having no Leiſure nor perhaps Judgment ſufficient to determine a Point that has been ſo much controverted amongſt Learned Men, we muſt refer the Reader to Dr. *Wallis's* curious Diſcourſe upon it.

Q Gentlemen, *I have ſeveral times put my ſelf to the Expence of a peice of Paper, to require your Solutions upon divers Queries, but Silence always happen'd to be the Solution to them all; when at the ſame time they required half an Hour's Study and half a Sheet of Paper to be decypher'd; and to deal freely with you, I cannot attribute the Silence to want of Ability, but rather a conceited Opinion of your one worth as not worth your Obſervation to anſwer every Man's Queſtion, when the Query requires a longer Time to unfold, then you are willing to allow. For I cannot believe you omit anſwering for want of Room; but rather want more Queſtions to ſupply the* Apollo: *Therefore the Inference that I draw from your Silence is this: You probably conjecture, that I attribute your Silence to the want of Room; and therefore cannot ſend your Solution, becauſe there is many more that muſt be anſwer'd before mine; and by theſe means you think to beget an Eſteem of your own worth. But* Apollo *this cannot blind my Imagination, nor ſtop the current of my Thoughts, after all I expect a ſpeedy Anſwer to my preſent Queſtion: And* Fryday *next, I deſire your Solution upon the following Query, viz. I have obſerved ſeveral times, that a Dog doth attempt to worry and bite any Man, that appears ragged or in a tottering Habit, when at the ſame time another Man that appears well in Garment, tho' equally as great a Stranger to the Dog as the former, he will immediately change his Rage into a good and pleaſing Aſpect, by ſhaking his Tail at the Gentleman, and his Tongue at the Beggar. I remain in Expectation of the Anſwer to the Queſtion, of,*

Gentlemen,
Your's George Cock——.

A. All the Anſwer that is needful to your Reflections on our Silence, is, that we receiv'd no ſuch Queſtion, ſo ſign'd before. The reaſon why a Dog is more apt to bark at one in a ragged Dreſs than another, is becauſe he is not accuſtom'd to ſuch Sights: The Dogs which are moſt apt to do ſo, being Ladies Lap Dogs, and thoſe kept in Houſes of Perſons of Condition, for 'tis obſervable a Tinker's Dog will ſooneſt fly at a Gentleman. Perhaps ſometimes to the reaſon may be, from the Dogs obſerving their Maſters to be apt to ſnarl at poor People.

Q. Ingenious Gentlemen, *A Young Lady, very much concern'd at an uncommon Beard, for her Sex, deſir'd my aſſiſtance to eradicate it. I apply'd* Ungt. Depilator. Batean. *which had no other Effect than taking them off, and not obſtruct their future Growth; for in a few Days, they exceeded their prior length and Number, to the great Diſſatisfaction of the Lady.*

I deſire in your next, your Advice, whether any advantage be to be expected; by what means, and how they muſt operate to perform ſuch an Effect? And you'll infinitely oblige,

Your Admirer,

Fiſtula Enemata.

A. Your *Amazonian* Lady with her Maſculine Face, may even take what Methods ſhe pleaſes; they are the Charms of the fair Sex, which

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which engage *Apollo*'s concern and Regard for them, not what is monſtrous in them.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray inform me in your next, by reaſon a conſiderable Wager is depending, and not any ways can to Satisfaction be decided, unleſs by you, tho' unworthy of your Opinions.*

Whether or no the Sin committed by Adam, *was by eating of Fruit: Of what ſort; or the real Sin.*

Your Humble Servant and Subſcriber, E. J.

A. This was anſwer'd in our firſt Vol. which is now publiſh'd in Octavo.

POEMS.

Q. SINCE Providence *hath lately been,*
So vig'lant o'er our Gracious Queen,
To diſappoint the curſt Deſigns
Of Enemies, by Countermines;
While in the Net they laid, they're took,
And muſt for juſt Repriſals look:
(A ſign *by which the* Heav'ns *make known,*
Our Cauſe they are reſolv'd to own)
How ought we to adore that Pow'r,
Which ſhow'rs ſuch Bleſſings ev'ry Hour.
But this, ſince all therein agree,
Shall not, learn'd Bards, *the Queſtion be,*
Who doubts when Bleſſings *come from* Heav'n,
That Thanks *ought to ariſe from Men?*
Since Providence *ſuch care did ſhow,*
To reſcue H——— *from the Blow;*
Pray ſay what is the Conſequence,
That we may juſtly hope from thence?

A. Not a more black and barb'rous Crime,
Was e'er attempted to this time,
To *ſtab* a *Miniſter of State,*
Which threat'ned the whole Nation's Fate,
Since for its Good, he's acted more,
Than all a *Junto* did before.
And now was ready to produce,
Great Things for 'ts Benefit and uſe;
Which if the *Stab* had fatal prov'd,
For ever muſt have been remov'd;
In which ſuch loſs we had ſuſtain'd,
Which never cou'd have been regain'd:
But *Heav'n* hath ſo Indulgent been,
In ſhowring Bleſſings on the *Queen,*
Which from that Fountain-Head will flow,
To all our little Streams below,
That by this villainous Deſign,
Our Patriots will far brighter ſhine,
For all th' invidious Wretches, who
With Scandal did their Lives purſue,
Pretending that they did advance,
The intereſt alone of *France,*
Muſt ever now in Silence lye,
Or branded be with Infamy.
For 'twere ridiculous and vain,
To hope they may a Faith obtain,
In charging them t' aſſociate,
With ſuch as ſought their certain Fate;
That they with *France* and *Papiſt* join,
Our Government to undermine,
And to act Counter to our good
When *France* and *Papiſt* ſeek their Blood.
If thoſe inv'trate Enemies,
Who'd triumph at our Miſeries,
Make an aſſault, may n't we ſuppoſe,
It is againſt their ſtrongeſt Foes,
Who only can our Bullworks be,
'Gainſt their unequall'd Villany.
None more will e'er Reflection make,
Except a Fool, a Sot, or Rake,
And therein all thoſe thoughtleſs Elves,
Will nothing but Lampoon themſelves;
While theſe will riſe in Deathleſs Story,
With Rags redoubled in their Glory.
But if a Man *(as* moſt will own*)*
Is by his Company, beſt known,
We juſtly may 'gainſt thoſe except,
Who with this *Traitor* Friendſhip kept,
But we decline to ſhew each Name,
Since to well known by common Fame.

Q. Apollo, *pray ſay,*
I'm ſure you can tell,
Nay, know there is none,
Can do it ſo well;
The Reaſon that we,
Who Proteſtants *are,*
Each Day one another,
With violence tear:
Their's one is a Whig,
And another a Tory,
And both are moſt certain,
They're right in their Story.
Nay, many of both,
Do ſeek the ſame End,
And yet to accompliſh it,
Divers ways tend,
Where we have one End.
It ſeem ſtrange that we,
Cannot full as well,
In the manner agree.
If this you can anſwer,
I'll ſay you are witty,
But ſoon pray, and ſo
There's an end of my Ditty.

A. As we various Features,
In Faces do find,
As various the Notions
Are too of the Mind,
Which, as they meet others
Are of the ſame ſize,
Are ſtrengthen'd and ſo ſtill,
The more Tyranize,
And never agreeing,
On what's right and wrong
They widen, and ſo
There's an end of my Song.

SIR,

London, March 14.

THE following is a Copy of a Letter which was recieved by a Merchant laſt Week. Mauſecat, Jan. 15th. On the 9th, ult. at Antego, the Country all came in well Arm'd, and divided two Parties, commanded by Capt. Pigot and Painter, to kill Coll. Parker the Governour, provided he would not deliver up his Commiſſion which he refuſed, they forc'd about 70 of the Queens Troops, broke open his Chamber Door, and Shot him, tho' it was believ'd not Mortal, after which they broke his Bock Bone, and drag'd him by the Heels down the ſteps, ſuffer'd his Head to fall from ſtep to ſtep, tore of his Short, and reviled him and ſhot him in many places after he was Dead, expos'd his Private Parts, the Granadiers were moſt of them cut off, after they had begg'd Quarter, Capt. Agou, out of a Gratitude to the Governour his Patron, kill'd Capt. Pigot, he had ſeveral Shots through his Body, tho' it is believ'd he will recover: The Lieutenant Governour is ſince gone up, and all is quiet there. There were 30 killed, and as many Wounded, Pigot, Jerviſe, Tertan and T—— Young, were the chief of them that were kill'd. The Inhabitants before had adviſed the General to deliver up his Commiſſion, for that the Queen had Superſceded it, and it would make them eaſy, if he would leave the Iſland, and that a Hair of his Head ſhould not be hurt, he put his Affairs in a good poſture, ſent for a Miniſter and took the Sacrament, behaved himſelf well, alledging that the Queen had given him the Commiſſion, and he would not part with it otherwiſe then with Sword and Piſtol in Hand. The Right Honourable Mr. Harley is in a fair way of Recovery. The Royal Lottery is near full. The Marquis de Guiſcard is in a fair way of Recovery, and is removed from Newgate to the Keepers private Houſe, where he is accommodated with all things ſuitable to his Quality. Tis ſaid that upon his Confeſſion ſeveral Perſons are ſeized.

Kinſale, March the 1ſt. There is come in here Her Majeſties Ship the Faulkland, Captain Coleman Commander from Jamacia, ſhe has been 9 Weeks in her Paſſage, and parted 5 Weeks ago with 8 Sail of Merchant Ships who came out with her on the 11th. of February laſt, ſhe loſt all her Maſts except her Mizen.

Dublin, March the 6th. Yeſterday our Lord Mayor Aldermen and Sheriffs waited on his Excellency our Lord Chancellor, and preſented him the freedom of this City in a Gold Box with his Lordſhips and the City Arms, engraved on the led of the ſame. A Proclamation is publiſhed by the Lords Juſtices for proroging the Parliament to the 1ſt. Day of May next.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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